

# ▶ Hawai'i's Public Access Room ◀

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## Legislative Timetable

### January

17<sup>th</sup> Opening Day.  
22<sup>nd</sup> State-of-the-State Address.  
23<sup>rd</sup> State-of-the-Judiciary Address  
24<sup>th</sup> One day recess.  
26<sup>th</sup> Last day for introduction of bills.

### February

16<sup>th</sup> First Lateral.  
22<sup>nd</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> Mandatory 5 day recess.

### March

2<sup>nd</sup> Filing deadline for First Decking.  
5<sup>th</sup> One day recess  
6<sup>th</sup> Filing deadline for budget bills.  
7<sup>th</sup> One day recess.  
8<sup>th</sup> First Crossover.  
14<sup>th</sup> Last day to intro substantive  
resolutions.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Second Lateral.  
30<sup>th</sup> One day recess.

### April

6<sup>th</sup> Filing deadline for Second Decking.  
9<sup>th</sup> One day recess.  
11<sup>th</sup> One day recess.  
12<sup>th</sup> Second Crossover.  
First crossover for concurrent  
resolutions.  
16<sup>th</sup> Deadline for naming conferees.  
17<sup>th</sup> One day recess.  
19<sup>th</sup> Deadline for final form of  
constitutional amendments.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Second Crossover for concurrent  
resolutions.  
26<sup>th</sup> Last day to file non-fiscal bills to  
deck for Final Reading.  
30<sup>th</sup> One day recess.

### May

2<sup>nd</sup> One day recess.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Adjournment Sine Die.

## PAR Website Overview [www.state.hi.us/lrb/par](http://www.state.hi.us/lrb/par)

The PAR homepage welcomes users with basic information such as the location and hours of the room. When clicking on the **PAR Workshops** icon, you can find out the times and dates of our free workshops. Workshops such as “Helpful Internet Sites”, “Reading Legislative Documents”, and “The Legislative Process and Citizen Participation” will be occurring into the month of March. When clicking on the **PAR Newsletter** icon, you can access our recent newsletter, as well as past ones. When clicking on the **About PAR** icon, you can find out what resources the PAR has to offer. **Helpful Links** can connect you to many governmental agencies and local newspapers. Just experiment and see where it takes you.

Links to online documents, such as the State Constitution, the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and the Sunshine law are found in **The Online Documents Center**, which is located in the bottom left-hand corner of our homepage. The Legislature’s web-site and Legislative FYI’s (very informative documents regarding the legislative process!) are only a click away. The Legislative FYI’s are informational sheets also available as handouts at our office. These handouts contain a range of information: the Legislative Directory, District Maps, Legislative Glossary and much more.

While the web-site offers answers from the comfort of home, the PAR staff is only a phone call away for assistance.

## Did You Know?

### ADA Compliance

The PAR attempts to honor ADA requirements with a TTY, large print documents, a wheelchair-accessible computer workstation and a friendly staff. Feel free to call us with any special needs or requests, and we will make every effort to accommodate you. If you are planning on attending a hearing or giving testimony and need assistance, the Senate or House Sergeant-at-Arms offices (depending on what committee is conducting the hearing) will provide assistance for you. Please let them know as soon as possible, no later than twenty-four hours in advance of the hearing. Any ideas on what we can do to be more ADA friendly? Let us know.

### The Verizon Telephone Directory of Elected Officials is in!

Feel free to stop by the Public Access Room and pick one up. If you need more than 50 copies, fax your request to Verizon at 546-8500. Include the following information:

1. Name
  2. Company name
  3. Phone number
  4. Fax number
  5. Number of copies needed
- If the number of copies needed is less than 50, simply stop by your local Verizon phone mart office and make a request.

# Meet PAR's New Staff



**Laura Wheeler**

A recent college graduate from Florida State University, Laura returned home to Atlanta, Georgia, and saved her nickels and dimes in order to follow a dream of moving to Hawaii. So, six months later, she made it happen and now here she is! On her weekends Laura enjoys hiking, camping and frolicking in the ocean.

She is excited about all of the opportunities for new-found knowledge in the Public Access Room.



**Shane Peters**

Shane has recently returned to Hawaii after an eight-year hiatus in New York where he attended college and worked in the advertising industry. He has come full circle, having practically grown up in the Capitol building with two uncles and a father who were legislators. Shane plans to return to New York at the end of the year to get his Master's degree.



**Marian Jackson**

'Jackson' was born and raised in Honolulu but has also resided in San Francisco and Lake Charles, LA. She is a retired trust officer and enjoys her family life as a wife, mother and grandmother. Her hobbies and passions include reading, traveling and swimming. PAR is excited to have her as a part of our team.

## Workshop Schedule

### Legislative Process and Citizen Participation

Feb. 20, Noon; March 1, Noon; March 5, 5:30; March 14, 5:30, March 22, Noon

### Legislative Documents

Feb. 28, 5:30; March 13, Noon

### Helpful Internet Sites

Feb. 22, Noon; March 6, Noon

## Upcoming Events on the Legislative Timetable

### First Lateral: Last day to move bills to a final committee, Feb. 16th

The majority of bills are referred to more than one committee. If the lead referral committee decides to move a measure out of committee, then the measure must go to a second referral committee for further consideration. To ensure that the second referral committee has time to review the bill, a "lateral" deadline is established ("lateral" because the bills move "sideways"—from one committee to another within each chamber—rather than "forward" from the House to the Senate or vice versa). Bills with a second referral must move to the second committee by this date in order to remain alive.

### First Decking: Last day to deck bills for third reading in the original house, March 2nd

Decking refers to the time when a bill in the final form in which it is intended to be passed is made available to members of the Legislature (i.e. "Decking"—placed on the deck) for 48 hours prior to being voted on for passage. Any bill not submitted in its final form by the decking deadline can no longer be considered for passage during the session.

### First Crossover: Last days for third reading of bills in the originating house, March 8th

This is the deadline for bills to pass Third Reading and then move or "crossover" to the other chamber for consideration. For this reason, this is called the crossover deadline, or in this particular case, First Crossover, since there is also a Second Crossover later in the session. Remember, bills can crossover before this deadline.



*Bob helps some students from Maryknoll High School.*

## What's New?

Some of our handouts have changed since session began. Please stop by to pick up revised copies. If you're on the neighbor islands, we would be happy to fax them to you, just give us a call.